



Bringing the County Closer to You!

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June 8, 2018

***** CANCELLED *****

**Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board
Joint Committee Meeting**
(Quality of Life Committee & Land Use Committee)

Monday, June 11 7:00pm
Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

Live Discussion with County Executive Ike Leggett

Thursday, June 14 1:00pm-2:00pm



This online interactive forum allows residents in Montgomery County to send questions directly to County Executive Isiah Leggett. You may submit questions anytime. Answered questions will be available at the beginning of the live session and selected questions will be answered during the scheduled discussion time.

[Submit Your Question](#)



Voters may go to any early [voting sites in Montgomery County](#) and cast a ballot. Early voting results are tallied on Election Night, just like votes cast on Election Day.

- **Thursday, June 14 to Thursday, June 21, from 10:00am – 8:00pm**
- [Map of Early Voting Centers](#)
- [Official Voter Guide and Sample Ballot](#).
- [MD Board of Elections](#).



It's Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week!

Take a selfie for the Bay

We're nearing the end of **Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week** (to June 10) and the County is celebrating with educational and volunteer events. If you want to join the celebration, we're asking you to do these 2 things:

1. Take a moment to think about how your actions impact the Bay

Although the Chesapeake Bay might be an hour's drive away, what we do in our County has an impact on the health of the Bay. A piece of litter can travel from our hand, down a storm drain to a stream to the Potomac river and out to the Bay! Think about what actions you can take to help the Bay. Maybe its stopping use of plastic straws, joining a stream cleanup or pledging to go pesticide free in your lawn care.

2. Take a selfie for the Bay!

Visit any of the hundreds of streams or rivers in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed (stretching from NY to VA) and take a selfie. Post it to Facebook, Twitter or Instagram with #OneChesapeake and #WatershedAware. Let us know how you plan to help the Bay.

Leggett Seeks Applicants for Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board

County Executive Isiah Leggett is seeking applicants to fill seven vacancies on the Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board. Two incumbents are eligible to apply for reappointment.

The Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board represents approximately 300,000 residents in the area north of Shady Grove Road, that includes the communities of Barnesville, Beallsville, Boyds, Clarksburg, Comus, Damascus, Darnestown, Dickerson, Gaithersburg, Germantown, Goshen, Laytonsville, Montgomery Village, North Potomac, Poolesville, Tobytown, and Washington Grove. Residents of Clarksburg, Darnestown, Dickerson, Poolesville, Tobytown, Barnesville, Beallsville, and Washington Grove, are particularly encouraged to apply.

The 20-member Board advises the County Executive, County Council, and the Regional Director of the Upcounty area on needs and priorities such as transportation, human services, the environment, land use, public safety, and other issues of local importance. It also reviews and comments on the County's capital and operating budgets and master plans; assists with strategies to tailor services to regional needs; and conducts workshops and forums. Some members represent the Board on other committees. Members serve three-year terms without compensation but are eligible for reimbursement for travel and dependent care for meetings attended. The full Board meets one Monday evening of each month and occasionally on Saturdays at the Upcounty Regional Services Center in Germantown. Members are also expected to serve on at least one subcommittee, which also meets each month on a Monday evening.

Applicants of diverse backgrounds, professions, gender, geography, disability and ethnicity are encouraged to apply. Members of County boards, committees and commissions may not serve on more than one such group at a time. Members must complete training on the Maryland Open Meetings Act and basic parliamentary procedure. Leggett's appointments are subject to confirmation by the County Council. Applications of those selected for appointment are made public as part of the confirmation process.

To apply, go to <https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/BCCpublic/ViewJob.aspx?id=309>

The deadline for application is June 22, 2018.



Heritage Days
Saturday, June 23 & Sunday, June 24
11:00 am - 4:00 pm
Various Locations
Free

Each year, Montgomery Parks partners with Heritage Montgomery to host **Heritage Days** events on the last weekend of June. Sponsored by Heritage Montgomery since 2004, this FREE festival highlights historic, cultural, and outdoor recreation sites offering special programs including exhibits & demonstrations, live music, activities for children, and much more! Heritage Days is the perfect chance to enjoy many small sites that are not regularly open to the public.

For more information, visit <http://www.heritagemontgomery.org/events/heritage-days>

**Public Hearing Planned for Abandonment of Portion
of Waters Road in Germantown**
Wednesday, June 27 7:00pm
County Executive Office Building (Lobby Auditorium)
101 Monroe Street, Rockville

The public is invited to a hearing on June 27 to provide input on the proposed abandonment of a small portion of Waters Road in Germantown. A recently constructed concrete retaining wall along the northern edge of the newly extended Waters Road encroached on the right-of-way by about two inches.

Written statements may be submitted to Michael S. Cassidy, Montgomery County Department of Transportation, 100 Edison Park Drive, 4th Floor, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20878 or michael.cassedy@montgomerycountymd.gov.

NOTE: Those requiring services, aids, translators or removal of barriers to participate in the hearing may call 240-777-7254 or e-mail michael.cassedy@montgomerycountymd.gov at least 72 hours prior to the public hearing.

Bike Owners Encouraged to Register Their Bikes with the County

Registering a bicycle with the County is a good way to increase the likelihood it will be recovered if it's stolen. Registration is easy – use the online form on the Police Department's [bike registration page](#). Registration decals are mailed to bike owners.

BlackRock Celebrates!



Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett and County First Lady Catherine Leggett were honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award for their dedication and support of the arts in Montgomery County at the 15th anniversary gala of the **BlackRock Center for the Arts**. Councilmember Nancy Floreen was also honored with a Pioneer Award for her support throughout the years. For more photos from the Crystal celebration, [view flickr photos](#).

Visit <http://www.blackrockcenter.org/2018-annual-gala> for more photos!



Now in its 17th year, the County Executive's Awards allow the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County "to salute individuals and organizations that have made a difference in Montgomery County through the arts and humanities. The County Executive's Awards for Excellence in the Arts and Humanities are the most prestigious honors conferred by Montgomery County on individual artists, scholars, organizations and cultural patrons."

For nominating instructions, visit <http://creativemoco.com>

A message from the Department of Environmental Protection . . .

A RainScape is a landscape or design technique that helps reduce stormwater runoff from individual properties. They include:

- Rain Gardens
- Conservation Landscapes
- Green Roofs
- Rain Barrels
- Permeable Pavement
- Pavement Removal



RainScapes can be installed on any kind of property, but those on private residential, institutional, and/ or commercial properties may be eligible for financial assistance: [RainScapes Rewards Rebates](#).

The RainScapes program also offers technical and financial assistance to encourage property owners to implement RainScapes techniques on their property.

Learn more about creating rainscapes. Visit the Department of Environmental Protection at <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/water/rainscapes>

County Council to Hold Public Hearing on Technical Update to Master Plan of Highways and Transitways

**Tuesday, July 10 1:30pm
Council Office Building
100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville**

The Montgomery County Council is scheduled to hold a public hearing on a County Planning Board Master Plan of Highways and Transitways [technical update](#). **Those wishing to testify can register at <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/PHSignUp.html> by July 9 at 10:00am.** Speakers can also provide written testimony to the Montgomery County Council, 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850 or by email.

The technical update is meant to ensure conformance with Montgomery County code, address technical inconsistencies in the original master plan and to make other changes.

The recommendations in the document include reducing the target speed limit to 25 mph from the current 30 mph on county-owned roads located within any of the county's 17 urban road code areas, including Bethesda (downtown), Friendship Heights, Grosvenor and Twinbrook/North Bethesda/White Flint.

"Urban road" is defined as a road segment in or abutting a Metro Station policy area, town center policy area or other urban area expressly identified in a (County) Council resolution. See a map of the county's urban road code areas [here](#).

Public Hearing Scheduled on Planning Board Draft Bicycle Master Plan

**Tuesday, July 10 7:30pm
Council Office Building
100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville**

The County Council will hold a public hearing on the recently transmitted draft of the Bicycle Master Plan from the Montgomery County Planning Board. The draft master plan and appendix can be viewed [here](#). [Read more](#).

Pothole Repair a Year-Round Activity for MCDOT

While potholes have the reputation of being more prevalent in the spring, to the Montgomery County of Transportation (MCDOT), they are a year-round affair. Four dedicated crews patrol in pothole trucks every weekday, weather permitting, responding to repair requests as well as stopping to fill any other potholes encountered. The crews rely on repair requests made by residents through the County's MC311 system – either [online](#), by phone (by calling 311 from within the County or 240-777-0311 from anywhere, Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.) or through [Twitter](#).

MCDOT maintains more than 5,200 lane miles of roads in Montgomery County. Over the last year, MCDOT received 2,462 requests to fill potholes, and proactively filled hundreds more.

The Maryland State Highway Administration (MSHA) fills potholes, plows snow and maintains all numbered routes in the County, such as Maryland routes 355 or 97. Report potholes on state roads directly to MSHA [online](#) or by calling 1-800-323-6742. In addition, municipalities, such as the cities of Rockville, Gaithersburg and Takoma Park, handle their own pothole repairs.

Once reported, MCDOT generally inspects and repairs potholes within three business days. For most potholes, MCDOT uses “cold patch” material. However, where potholes require more than a simple fix, multiple visits may be required that will take more than three days because the area may need to be excavated and repaved with asphalt.

With the return of warmer temperatures, MCDOT's Division of Highway Services has resumed seasonal pavement repairs, resurfacing, and installation of sidewalks and curbs. Drivers are urged to be cautious and patient when encountering roadway crews filling potholes and maintaining roadways.

For more News from the Office of the County Executive, visit: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/news>

For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

County Council http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press_List.aspx?id=01

Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases

Also check out the latest from:

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permittingservices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>

Parks Department <http://www.montgomeryparks.org>

Planning Department <http://montgomeryplanning.org>